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SUBJECT: OECD/XCSS: MARCH 18-19 MEETING

REF: BERN 703

1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR JOLLES, DIRECTOR SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE, HAS ASKED FOR USG VIEWS RE ROLE FOR OECD, AND PARTICULARLY XCSS, IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY COORDINATION. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR JOLLES, IN HIS CAPACITY AS XCSS CHAIRMAN, ASKED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR IF FOLLOWING QUESTION COULD BE PUT TO WASHINGTON IN THE CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR MARCH 18-19 XCSS MEETING: WHAT ROLE DOES USG SEE FOR OECD, AND PARTICULARLY XCSS, IN ENERGY POLICY COORDINATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK UNDERWAY IN COMMITTEE OF 20 AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE?

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3. JOLLES SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT USG DID NOT THINK

THAT OECD SHOULD PLAY MAJOR ROLE AS FORUM IN THIS AREA. IF THIS WAS TRUE, HE COULD UNDERSTAND REASONS AND WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH FRUSTRATIONS EXPERIENCED IN OECD. HOWEVER, THERE SEEM TO BE TWO ALTERNATIVES. EITHER ONE COULD IGNORE OECD AND XCSS IN ENERGY AREA. IF THIS WAS USG VIEW, HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD FEEL UNDER NO GREAT OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE AS XCSS CHAIRMAN. ON OTHER HAND, HE WOULD PREFER SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE IMPROVE SITUATION AND FIND USEFUL POLICY ACTIVITIES FOR OECD TO PERFORM.

4. HE NOTED THAT THIS QUESTION WAS PERTINENT IN CONNECTION WITH FIRST AGENDA ITEM AGREED LAST NOVEMBER FOR NEXT XCSS MEETING: GENERAL REVIEW OF WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. POLICY OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH IMPACT OF INTERVENING ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS, EITHER TAKING ACCOUNT OF WORK BEING DONE ELSEWHERE OR ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN XCSS. SIMILARLY, SECOND AGENDA ITEM RE ROLE OF CAPITAL MOVEMENT IN CONTEXT OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DISEQUILIBRIA INVOLVED ENERGY RELATED POLICY ISSUES.

5. JOLLES NOTED WITH SOME FRUSTRATION THAT NO DOCUMENTS HAD YET BEEN ISSUED FOR UPCOMING MEETING. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FOR THIRD AGENDA ITEM, INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT, ONLY PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK OF EXPERT GROUP COULD BE ISSUED FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 25-26 MEETING.

6. JOLLES ALSO ASKED FOR NAMES OF US PARTICIPANTS IN MARCH XCSS MEETING AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET TOGETHER INFORMALLY PRIOR FORMAL MEETING.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE RE FOREGOING CONCERNS OF JOLLES.  
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